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PROGRESS ON SIKANG-TIBET HIGHWAY -- K'un-ming, Yunnan Jih-pao, 12 Sep 53

Construction of the T'ai-chao--Lhasa section of the Sikang-Tibet Highway is about 50 percent complete. The troops of the People's Liberation Army, by whom the highway is being built, are now engaging in construction of the road-bed over a mountain more than 5,000 meters high.

SSU-NAN--T'UNG-JEN HIGHWAY -- K'un-ming, Yunnan Jih-pao, 17 Aug 53

Construction of 196 kilometers of highway between Ssu-nan and T'ung-jen, both in Kweichow Province, was completed on 22 July 1953. This highway, which is the extension of a highway from Tsun-i to Ssu-nan, connects with the Yu-p'ing--Sung-t'ao Highway at T'ung-jen.

NORTHWEST HAS 17,200 KILOMETERS OF HIGHWAYS -- K'un-ming, Yunnan Jih-pao, 18 Aug 53

There is a total of 17,200 kilometers of highways in the Northwest Administrative Area now open to traffic. Of the total, more than 1,500 kilometers are in the Sinkiang-Kansu-Tsinghai area, the area which is occupied mostly by the minority groups. The Central People's Government is planning to construct about 1,400 kilometers of new highways in the Northwest during 1953, most of them through the area occupied by the minority groups.

The longest highway in the Northwest is the one from Sian to the Sinkiang-USSR border through Lan-chou, the total length of which is 3,300 kilometers. The surface of the highway is paved with crushed stones or gravel, and permits the passage of vehicles even during the rainy season.

Three highways are now under construction in Tsinghai Province: the T'ung-jen--Hsun-hua Highway, the Hsi-ning--Kuei-te Highway, and the Kansu--Tsinghai Highway.

JU HO BRIDGE REPAIRS COMPLETED -- K'un-ming, Yunnan Jih-pao, 17 Aug 53

Repairs to a bridge over the Ju Ho in Honan Province, the largest highway bridge on the K'ai-feng--Meng-chia-lou Highway, were completed on 21 July 1953. The bridge is located in the Hsu-ch'ang--Nan-yang Section of the K'ai-feng--Meng-chia-lou Highway.

WORK STARTS ON HSIEN-YANG HIGHWAY BRIDGE -- Urumchi, Sinkiang Jih-pao, 6 Jun 53

(Hsin-hua She) -- Workmen have begun driving wooden piles and steel reinforced concrete piles for the foundations of the highway bridge across the Wei Ho at Hsien-yang on the Sian--Lan-chou highway. This bridge is to be 9 meters wide, 447 meters long, and will have 33 spans surfaced with asphalt. While steel reinforced concrete members are to be used in the construction of the spans, the design is to follow Soviet ideas, and be of the suspension arm [cantilever?] type, which is said to be economical of materials and labor and also durable.

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HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION ON HAINAN ISLAND -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 22 Sep 53

An inspection party headed by Chang Ts'e-huai, vice-minister of Communications, left Peiping for Hainan on 16 September 1953 to enquire after the welfare of the workers engaged in road building on Hainan, and to secure a better understanding of the status of highway construction on the island. Highway construction on Hainan presents considerable difficulty because of the terrain, particularly in the vicinity of Wu-chih Shan [elevation 1,897 meters], where the climate is atrocious, epidemics flourish, and construction materials are difficult to supply. Nevertheless, construction is proceeding satisfactorily.

T'ien-shui--Ch'eng-tu LINE PROGRESSES -- K'un-ming, Yunnan Jih-pao, 22 Sep 53

Construction of 116-kilometer section of the T'ien-shui--Ch'eng-tu Railway Line, between Ch'eng-tu and Mien-yang, was completed, and the section was opened to traffic on National Day 1953 (1 October 1953).

SURVEY OF CH'ENG-TU--K'UN-MING LINE BEGUN -- K'un-ming, Yunnan Jih-pao, 19 Aug 53

The surveying of the route for the proposed railway line from Ch'eng-tu, Szechwan, to K'un-ming, Yunnan, has been started by the three surveying teams of the Southwest Branch Bureau of the Ministry of Railways.

Construction of this line, which will go through 22 cities, including I-pin and Ch'iao-chia [26 55 N, 102 54 E] will be completed during the 5-year plan.

The route for this proposed railway line will have six fewer bridges, and will be 31 kilometers shorter than the route for the line the Nationalist Government proposed to construct between I-pin and K'un-ming in 1938.

K'un-ming, Yunnan Jih-pao, 20 Aug 53

The proposed Ch'eng-tu--K'un-ming Railway Line begins at Nei-chiang on the existing Chungking--Ch'eng-tu Railway Line, runs southward via I-pin and along the banks of the Chin-sha Ho and the Hsiao Ho, and ends at K'un-ming. The total length is 810 kilometers.

PEIPING TO MOSCOW SLEEPER COSTS 7,700,756 YUAN -- T'ai-yuan, Shansi Jih-pao, 30 Jun 53

On 1 July 1953, China and the USSR began selling passenger tickets on the through trains between Peiping and Moscow at 20 stations in the USSR and nine stations in China. The nine stations in China are Peiping, Shanghai, Canton, Dairen, Port Arthur, Mukden, Harbin, Sui-feng-ho, and Lu-pin (Manchouli). A one-way ticket from Peiping to Moscow, with sleeper accommodation, is 7,700,756 yuan.

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48,535 CARS LOADED BY CHUNGKING--CH'ENG-TU LINE -- Peiping, Kuang-ming  
Jih-pao, 30 Jun 53

The Chungking--Ch'eng-tu Railway Line, during its year of operation between July 1952 and 15 June 1953, compiled the following statistics: Number of freight cars loaded, 48,535 cars; tonnage hauled, 1,237,500 tons; and number of passengers transported, 2,421,900 persons.

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